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# PROCLAMATION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK MAY 19-25, 2013

*WHEREAS*, emergency medical services is a vital public service; *and*

*WHEREAS*, the members of our local emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; *and*

*WHEREAS*, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; *and*

*WHEREAS*, emergency medical services providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system; *and*

*WHEREAS*, locally our emergency medical services system consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; *and*

*WHEREAS*, approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers in the nation are volunteers; *and*

*WHEREAS*, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; *and*

*WHEREAS*, citizens of Rowan County and its municipalities benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; *and*

*WHEREAS*, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating **Emergency Medical Services Week**; *and*

*WHEREAS*, injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce national health care costs.

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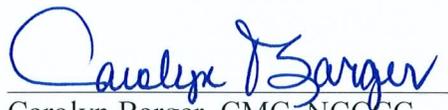


***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of this event does hereby proclaim the week of May 19-25, 2013 as ***EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK*** and encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

This the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013

  
Jim Sides, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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